Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Safety belts and child safety seats have proven to be effective in reducing highway fatalities and injuries; and,

WHEREAS, Safety belt use could prevent 40-55 percent of the traffic fatalities and serious injuries caused in motor vehicle accidents; and,

WHEREAS, The legislatures of 33 states and the District of Columbia have recognized the benefits of safety belt use and enacted safety belt use laws; and,

WHEREAS, Child safety seat laws are in effect in all of the states; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of these laws and other activities, millions of Americans are regularly wearing safety belts and using child safety seats; and,

WHEREAS, The need for increased safety belt use in South Dakota is recognized; and,

WHEREAS, Numerous public interest and safety organizations are working to encourage more extensive use of safety belts and child seats; and,

WHEREAS, The law enforcement community has played an essential and active role in encouraging the use of safety belts and child safety seats; and,

WHEREAS, Buckle Up Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness and safety belt use in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby declare the period from Thanksgiving Eve 1989 through New Year's Day 1990 as a time to

BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE